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State Fire Safety Board Regular Meeting

Meridian Township Fire Department, Training Room
5000 Okemos Road, Okemos, MI 48864
Thursday, June 15, 2023
1:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Steven Densmore, Representing Fire Departments in the Lower Peninsula
Randall Halstead, Liquefied Petroleum or Flammable Compressed Gas Industry
Kenneth Herbart, Chair, Representing Registered Architects
Ruth Ann Knapp, Representing School Board Administrators/Members
Andrew Marceau, Representing Fire Departments in the Lower Peninsula
Dylan Rogers, Representing Places of Public Assemblage
Brian Talvensaari, Representing Fire Departments in the Upper Peninsula

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Julie Bulson, Representing Hospital Administrators
Timothy Dockerty, Representing Owners of Adult Foster Care Facilities
Tavis Millerov, Representing Fire Departments in the Lower Peninsula
Jeramie Morris, Vice Chair, Representing the Chemical Manufacturing Industry
Patrick Phelan, Representing the Professional Engineers
Richard Prestage, Representing the Nursing Home Industry
Kevin Sehlmeier, State Fire Marshal, Ex-Officio Member
David Williams, Representing the Licensed Electrical Contractors
Robert Williams, Representing the Building Trades
Ora Wolf, Representing the Flammable Liquids Industry

OTHER BUREAU ATTENDEES:

Hollie Metts, LARA/BFS, Executive Secretary
Mauricio Barrera, Public Assemblage Inspector, Bureau of Fire Services
Jordyn Hanses, LARA/BFS, Student Assistant

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

None

I. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

The State Fire Safety Board meeting was called to order at 1:15 p.m. Roll call was taken by executive secretary, Hollie Metts. A quorum was not present.

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

The board members reviewed the agenda. However, because a quorum was not present, a vote to approve the agenda was not taken.

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of the draft minutes from December 1, 2022 will carry over to the next meeting on September 21, 2023.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

V. STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT:

Fire Marshal Sehlmeier was unable to attend the meeting to provide a report however, Hollie Metts shared the following updates from the bureau:

- a. Public Assembly Inspector:** Mauricio Barrera was introduced to the board members. Mauricio is a Fire Safety Inspector who handles public assemblies. (Phone: 517-643-3887, Email: BarreraM1@michigan.gov)
- b. Fatal Fire Update:** As of June 13, 2023, a total of 59 deaths in 56 residential fires were recorded. This is a 4% decrease in deaths and a 7% increase in fires year-to-date as compared to the 2017-2022 average. 71% of victims are reported to be between the ages of 40-79, 20% reported as disabled, and 7% reported on oxygen.
- c. MI Prevention Update:** To date, there are approximately 600 fire departments partnering with MI Prevention and have installed the following number of alarms and visited the following number of homes:
 - i. Total Smoke Alarms Installed (2017 to current):** 42,628 / Total in 2023: 5,783.
 - ii. Total CO Detectors Installed (2017 to current):** 10,898 / Total in 2023: 1,405.
 - iii. Total Homes Visited (2017 to current):** 13,896 / Total in 2023: 1,986.

Other MI Prevention projects include data driven educational messaging focused on fire behavior, disability alarms and installations, Sound Off Program (education and school calendars), Frontline Strong Peer Support Group (offers support and resources to first responders and their families).
- d. Child Care Transition:** As of June 1, 2023, inspections for childcare facilities (daycares, camps, and childcare institutions) and the Qualified Fire Inspectors are transferring to the Bureau of Fire Services. This transition will take place in four phases and is expected to be fully transferred by August 1, 2023.
- e. Board Members Terms Expiring:** Hollie advised the following board members' terms are expiring on July 15, 2023:
 - Steven Densmore, Representing Fire Departments in the Lower Peninsula

- Kenneth Herbart, Chair, Representing Registered Architects
- Andrew Marceau, Representing Fire Departments in the Lower Peninsula
- Patrick Phelan, Representing the Professional Engineers
- Dylan Rogers, Representing Places of Public Assemblage

VI. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:

A legislative update was not provided.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Fireworks Injuries Report:** This item will remain under Old Business for the next meeting on September 21, 2023.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- MFIS Curriculum Update:** This item will remain under New Business until for the next meeting on September 21, 2023.
- Discuss 2023 Meeting Schedule:** A typo was noted in the address for the October 19, 2023, meeting. Hollie Metts will correct and repost the 2023 meeting schedule. Chairman Herbart asked all in attendance to review their schedules and be prepared to discuss the remaining 2023 meeting dates at the next meeting. He also encouraged all in attendance to provide Hollie Metts with their availability for the remainder of the posted 2023 meetings. This item will remain under New Business for the next meeting on September 21, 2023.

IX. STATE FIRE SAFETY BOARD COMMENT:

Board Member Ruth Ann Knapp provided all in attendance with a historical calendar featuring the Saginaw Fire Department.

Chairman Herbart inquired about the possibility of attending a fireworks inspection.

X. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING:

The meeting ended at 1:56 p.m.

Next Meeting:

Thursday, September 21, 2023 at 1:00 pm
Cannabis Regulatory Agency, Sun Conference Room – 2407 N. Grand River,
Lansing, MI 48906

Agenda Items Due: Thursday, September 7, 2023, by 5:00 pm

APPROVED: State Fire Safety Board Regular Meeting 10/19/23 (Motion #23-10-02)